**Français I**

**Mme Main**

**2013-2014**

Welcome to French I class! I am so happy to have you as my student!

The Three Rs: Responsabilité, Respect, Résultats!

*Before we begin, let’s examine the Three Rs:*

As your teacher, is it my **RESPONSIBILITY** to…

Behave in a way that shows **RESPECT** for myself, others, the

environment, property, time, and rules.

Behave in a way that encourages positive **RESULTS.**

Provide a physically and emotionally safe learning environment.

Design appropriate academic tasks.

It is *your* **RESPONSIBILITY** to behave in a way that shows

**RESPECT** for..

**Yourself**

* Be intellectually honest
* Do quality work
* Speak up if you have concerns or needs
* Set appropriate boundaries

**Others**

* Honor diversity
* Honor space

**Time**

* Honor yours, mine, and ours

**Property**

* Take care of things (whether they belong to you, to your neighbor, to me, or to our school)

**Rules**

* Know the rules for both our school and our French class

French Class Rules:

1. Listen with the intent to understand.
2. One person speaks, and the others listen.
3. Suggest cute answers, avoiding English (one-word answers in English are OK).
4. Ask for clarification if you don’t understand. Other students support all clarification requests.
5. Sit up…squared shoulders…clear eyes.
6. Actors—synchronize your actions with my words.

This is the 50% that I expect from you—I will provide the other 50%. Without all of you following these rules, the class will not work!

**The Environment**

* Reduce, reuse, recycle
* Keep your desk and the area around it clean.

It is your **RESPONSIBILITY** to behave in a way that encourages

positive **RESULTS** by...

* Participating in class work
* Doing your homework
* Managing your time
* Working with your partner
* Bringing the materials you need to do academic work
* 3-ring binder with paper
* Pencil or pen
* Dry erase marker

Your **RESULTS** will be reflected in a quarter grade

that is based on:

**Homework completion**

• Homework is practice, not a test. Even if you aren’t sure you’re doing

it right...do it!

• You earn credit for having homework assignments done **to the best**

**of your ability** and **on time**.

**Class participation**

• Be prepared, attentive, responsive, and respectful in class.

• Have your supplies and binder every day.

**Quiz and test grades**

Tests and quizzes are usually **unannounced**. The reason that I

will not announce tests is that cramming for a test the night before

does not produce long-term memory. Since I want you to know

**all** of the material at **all** times, tests will include **all** of the French we

have learned, not just the current vocabulary list.

Grades will be updated weekly. You may check your grade as often as you like. See me immediately if you have any questions or concerns about your grade.

**French Classroom Procedures**

**The Beginning of Class**: Be in your seat and ready to work when the bell rings. Have your homework out and ready to be checked. Check the homework (DEVOIRS) board and copy down any assignments in your student planner.

**The End of Class**: Class is not over until I dismiss you. Until that time, you will stay at your seat and work. Do not put away your materials early, line up at the door, or walk around the room. Before you leave, make sure that materials are put away and pick up any trash on the floor.

**Tardies**: Any time you arrive late to class, hand me your pass. Seat yourself quickly and join in whatever activity is in progress. You are responsible for making up any activity that you missed, as well as copying any notes.

**Absences**: If you are absent for any reason, you are required to make up all work missed. It is your responsibility to find out what assignments and notes you missed.

· How to find makeup work assignments: Check the folder with your name on it for any handouts. Politely ask your partner what classroom activities, homework and/or notes you missed. You may also check my website for information: [www.madamemain.wikispaces.com](http://www.madamemain.wikispaces.com) and/or e-mail me ([emain@ursulineacademy.org](mailto:emain@ursulineacademy.org)).

**Substitute Teachers**: There will be times when I will not be in the classroom. Please cooperate with the substitute teacher. Be aware that substitute teachers may not be proficient in French.

**Partners**: I will assign you a different partner every month. Although there won’t be assigned seating, I would like you to sit next to your partner during class. Your responsibility towards your partner involves:

* Exchange telephone numbers so that you can get help on homework.
* Recite in French to each other in class.
* Check each other’s work in class.
* Consult with your partner about what you missed when absent.
* Provide notes for your partner to copy after an absence, if necessary.
* Help each other to achieve outstanding **RESULTS**!

If you have any issues that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to see me or send me an e-mail. If you struggle with any content or are interested in discussing something with me, please stop by the classroom or make an appointment with me.

I love French, and I hope to share my love of the language and culture with all of you! If you ever need anything, whether it be French and school-related or personal, please never hesitate to approach me. Learning a foreign language can be a challenge, and so can high school in general, so please stop in my classroom or e-mail me anytime if you need me! ☺